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Will the Money Trust investigators find the solution as to how we can choke out plutocrats loose from the graft they are enjoying?

The popularity of the parcel post furnishes a fine object lesson of how the people meet the real socialization of public utilities. If a little is good, why not more?

To see the old Democratic party parading as "progressive" is an occasion for mirth. In the progressive garb the Democratic party looks about as enticing as grandma would in a short, tight skirt and one of those dinky little caps.

We note that three thousand yards of moss was used in the decorations at the inauguration of Governor Major at Jefferson City the other day. May we presume that the Democracy of Missouri has been stripped of its traditional insignia of non-progression to supply this decoration?

The legislature now in session at Jefferson City may not pass any Jim Crow laws or Grand father clauses, but a lot of the Democratic members would like to see those measures put through and about the only thing that will keep the Democratic majority from passing them is the fear that such action might be a boomerang.

The inmates of the National Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee have unanimously endorsed the 5 cent meals served at the institution. One inmate is said to have gained 55 pounds in six months on this feeding. They should circulate the dimensions and specifications of these meals and give the rest of us a chance to sock it to the high cost of living and fatten up at the same time.

The "Blue Sky" law bill that has been introduced in the Missouri legislature should be made a law by all means, as it is intended to protect the unwary from the marketers of fake stocks and bonds. Many people have not the faculty for safely investing their savings and are the prey of sharpers who are ever on the lookout to separate such people from their money. Let us have the "Blue Sky" law.

The fact that a federal judge has just been removed from the bench under impeachment proceedings does not argue that the judicial recall is not necessary or desirable. Convicting a member of the bench and removing him by impeachment is a rarity, and we do not believe it has happened in Judge Archbald's case had it not been for a desire on part of the senate to appease the growing public sentiment in favor of the recall. The recall would give us quicker and surer action against any officer who betrays his trust to the people.

Bro. Ake, of the Ironton Register, is disposed to poke fun at us because hard times have not yet followed the Democratic victory, but the Democratic party has not begun to work on the tariff yet. So we are not hopeful that we will miss the hard times. This reminds us that the Democrats like Bro Ake boasted two years ago that the mere fact that the Democrats were placed in possession of congress would scare down the cost of living, even though they were not able to put their legislative policy in force. We are still waiting for the cost of living to come down.

In St. Louis last Friday two men were killed when the auto they were riding in, going at a speed of 45 miles an hour, collided with a water plug. Horses driven to their utmost can not exceed a speed of 20 miles an hour, and then only for a short distance. If any man were to drive a team of horses through the streets of any city or town in the country at half that speed he would be promptly arrested. Yet a speeding horse is easier controlled than a speeding auto. Just why an auto driver should

have privileges that the driver of a horse may not have is something not apparent to a man up a tree.

There is woe, deep, black, gloomy woe over at Springfield, Ill., because the Democrats, who control the legislature, cannot agree upon a speaker for the House and thus organize that body. Governor-elect Dunne is kept out of office, and a myriad of job hunters likewise, for until the House is organized and announced the election of the Governor Mr. Dunne cannot take his seat. So Governor Deenen holds on. This is a sample of the harmony that infests the "triumphant" Democracy. It looks like that party's victory at the late election will resolve itself into a catfight over the spoils.

Our Democratic friends have been fond of asserting that the Republican party is owned by the trusts. Perhaps it is; but what reason have they for believing that the Democratic party does not repose safely within the possession of the same ownership? None whatever. President-elect Wilson may talk; Democratic editors may profoundly and verbosely tell us of the immaculate sanctity of their party, but the trusts are not down on their knees howling for mercy nor losing any sleep over these utterances. The Missouri Democracy, proudful as being representative of the highest virtues of the whole party throughout its long career, was turned out a few years ago for its shameful connection with "The Interests." True the Democratic party just been restored to power in Missouri, but not because it is clean of any of its marks by which "The Interests" establish their ownership to it. In the South, where the Democratic party rules without interruption the trust-owned lawmakers have given their proprietors every advantage over the people, and the Southern Democracy will be in the saddle at Washington for four years from next March, in consideration of which fact it is believed the Standard Oil Company and its friends will not even miss the valuable services of the Hon. Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas.

George F. Baker, a New York banker, who is a director in so many banks, railroad and other corporations that he could not recall them all, in testifying before the Pujo committee the other day, frankly stated that he believed the concentration of capital in this country had gone about far enough, and that the only reason this concentration is not already dangerous to the best interests of the people was due solely to the fact that the wealth had centralized in the hands of men who were not using it for evil. Well and good; but how about stopping the process of concentration? Who can stop it? The rights of private property, protected and hedged in by all the laws in the statute books, rises superior to all other considerations. Let anyone intimate that the rights of the individual to acquire wealth, and hold it, and use it as that individual sees fit, should be curtailed, and at once a large element of society is up in arms to defend that right. It is guaranteed by the constitution and is unassailable. The individual may give his wealth away, but no matter how dangerous the massive accumulations through centralization may become to society, society itself has no right to intrude upon the individual right of possession. Under the centralization of capital combined to exploit the natural resources and the labor of the land, the growth of individual wealth has become automatic. J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, the Mr. Baker above referred to, or any of the men who hold interest in the combinations through which centralized wealth is accomplished, cannot prevent the continuous growth of their great

fortunes. They make no personal effort whatever to secure this gain, it flows to them from the wealth created by expending labor upon raw material, which, once created, becomes private property, in which the real creators may not share other than the dole that is given them to maintain the capacity of labor for continued creation of wealth. There is no solution of this problem, except in a radical change of the rules of society that will break up the automatic process that results in large and unlimited individual fortunes.

The Legislator.

The legislator's job is soft, his pay is never earned; he meets each day at 10 o'clock, at 10:31 he adjourns. He'll spend his time in caucus fights and all his duties which the speaker scrap and chairman bout leave him no time for work.

When asked about the unpaised bills, he cries, "To hoh with them; why cant you see we've got to choose a president pronto?" The weeks roll by, months come and go, but always 'tis the same—both Houses meet each day to play the shiftless, senseless game. But still there's this to make us glad: Despite his grandstand talk, we know that in these passless days the legislator waits.—Denver Times.

UNNECESSARY ALARM.

Dress goods manufacturers and makers of materials entering into feminine apparel are reported to be anxiously awaiting the decree of fashion on spring styles. Since the hobble skirt brought so many to the verge of ruin through the shrinkage in the quantity of material required, the manufacturers have been looking back and noting with amazement and alarm the evolution of a tendency that has steadily decreased the demand for their output, a tendency at first unnoticed, but now looming, they fear, with calamitous potentialities.

For five years they find feminine fashion has been discarding one thing after another. Petticoats were among the first discarded trimmings followed. The shirt waist manufacturer was shaken out of his stolid complacency, based on the belief that styles might come and styles might go, but the shirt waists would be worn forever. Veilings, beils, high collars and neck supports in turn fell into desuetude. Dress linings became, shall it be said, conspicuous by their absence.

Nevertheless, this recital of discarded effects instead of creating panicky pessimism among the manufacturers, should have just the opposite effect. Has not fashion reduced woman's apparel to the minimum? What else is there for them to throw off? Let the manufacturer take fresh courage and look forward with confidence. Since woman has now reached the limit in taking off, perhaps she will veer to the other extreme and resume putting on. It may be the case for the anxious manufacturers since it cannot get worse it is bound to get better.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

FIND YOURSELF IN SOLITUDE.

Get away from the crowd for a while, and think. Stand on one side and let the world run by, while you get acquainted with yourself and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain from original sources, if you are really the mount of man you say you are, and if you are always honest; if you always tell the square, perfect truth in business details; if your life is as good and upright at 11 o'clock at night as it is at noon; if you are as good a temperance man on a fishing excursion as you are on a Sunday school picnic; if you are as good when you go to the city as you are at home; if, in short, you are really the sort of a man your father hopes you are and your sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and believe me, every time you come out of one of those private interviews you will be a stronger, better, purer man. Don't forget this, and it will do you good. Robert Burdette.

PROBATE COURT DOCKET.

State of Missouri, County of Washington.—ss. Docket of cases in which settlements are due from executors, administrators, guardians and curators at the ensuing February term, 1913, in the Probate Court of said county, to be begun and holden in the court house in the city of Potosi, on the second Monday of February.

First Day—Monday, February 10th.
John S. Hanson, administrator of Hannah J. Hanson, deceased, final settlement.
Nancy S. Higginbotham, executrix of Lytle B. Higginbotham, deceased, final settlement.
M. E. Rhodes, guardian William White, minor, final settlement.
J. B. Roussin, administrator of N. A. Bowser, deceased, first annual settlement.

Second Day—Tuesday, February 11th.
John MacKay, guardian Frank O. Richardson, first annual settlement.
G. F. Patterson, administrator of John P. Patterson, first annual settlement.
L. C. Horton, guardian George Rickner, minor, annual settlement.

Third Day—Wednesday, February 12th.
Clara Bub, administratrix of Mary Bub, deceased, final settlement.
John M. Hughes, guardian Leslie and Jessie M. Hughes, minors, annual settlement.
Joseph A. Forshee, guardian Roy Hughes, minor, annual settlement.
William C. Johnson, guardian Leslie Condit, minor, annual settlement.

Fourth Day—Thursday, February 13th.
Edward T. Eversole, guardian Joan W. Dawson, minor, final settlement.
Moses Jennings, guardian James Johnson, minor, final settlement.
Charles E. Collins, minor, final settlement.

Fifth Day—Friday, February 14th.
William H. Martin, guardian Charlotte Martin, minor, final settlement.
Agnes Shimin, administratrix Edward C. Shimin, deceased, final settlement.
Thomas Ronquest, administrator of Day Ackerson, deceased, final settlement.

Sixth Day—Saturday, February 15th.
James Horton, administrator of John C. Horton, deceased, final settlement.
Vincent Dempsey, executor of Luke Kernan, deceased, annual settlement.
George H. Cain, guardian Champ Bridgewater, minor, annual settlement.
James A. Shield, Jr., administrator of Rosine Politte, deceased, annual settlement.

Seventh Day—Sunday, February 16th.
James A. Shields, Jr., administrator of F. M. Hughes, deceased, final settlement.
Wm. B. Ramsey, guardian Edith Byrd, minor, final settlement.
Joseph E. Vineyard, guardian William B. Ramsey, insane, final settlement.

Eighth Day—Monday, February 17th.
State of Missouri, County of Washington.—ss. J. James A. Benson, Judge of the Probate Court of said county and state, hereby certifying to be a true copy of the foregoing to be a true copy of the Probate Court docket of cases in which settlements are to be made at the February term, 1913. Whereunto I set my hand and the seal of said court, this 22d day of December, 1912.

JAMES A. HENSON,
(Seal) Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Joseph Descherl, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri, to be holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1913.

FRANK WILKINSON,
Administrator of the estate of Joseph Descherl, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of James M. Silvey, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri, to be holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1913.

CHARLES F. SHALEY,
Administrator of the estate of James M. Silvey, deceased.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Hannah J. Hanson, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri, to be holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1913.

JOHN S. HANSON,
Administrator of the estate of Hannah J. Hanson, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Francis M. Hughes, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri, to be holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1913.

JAMES A. SHIELDS, JR.,
Administrator of the estate of Francis M. Hughes, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Edward C. Shimin, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri, to be holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1913.

AGNES SHIMIN,
Administratrix of the estate of Edward C. Shimin, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary Bub, deceased, that I, the undersigned administratrix of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri, to be holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1913.

CLARA BUB,
Administratrix of the estate of Mary Bub, deceased.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Ellen Barlow, deceased, were granted the undersigned on the 21th day of October, 1912, by the Probate Court of Washington county, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the executor within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

ERNEST BARLOW,
Executor of the estate of Ellen Barlow, deceased.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.
State of Missouri, County of Washington.—ss. In the Probate Court of Washington county and State of Missouri, returnable at the May term, 1913, of this court, William A. Mount, guardian and curator of the estate of Joseph Descherl, insane, Order of publication.

Whereas, William A. Mount, guardian and curator of the estate of Joseph Descherl, insane, presents to this court his petition, praying for an order of sale for so much of the real estate of said Joseph Descherl, insane, as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said estate, and for maintenance and keeping him at State Hospital No. 4, accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories referred to by law in such cases, or excitation whereof it is ordered by this court that all persons interested in the estate of the said Joseph Descherl, insane, be notified by publication that application as aforesaid has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the May term of this court, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Potosi, in county and state aforesaid, on the 12th day of May, 1913, an order of sale will be made for the sale of the whole, or so much of the real estate of the said Joseph Descherl, insane, as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts and other purposes mentioned.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this notice be published, according to law, in the Potosi Journal, a newspaper published within said county and state, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be made at least fifteen days before the next May term of this court.

State of Missouri, County of Washington.—ss. J. James A. Benson, Judge of the Probate Court, holden in and for said county, hereby certifies that the above is a true copy of the original order of publication therein referred to as the same appears of record in his office. Witness my hand as Judge of Probate, and the seal of said court, done at office in Potosi, Missouri, this 29th day of January, 1913.

JAMES A. HENSON,
(Seal) Judge of Probate.

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Peter R. Taft Gained Wide Prominence in His County by His Discharge of Duties of Surveyor.

Among the early settlers of Townshend, Vermont, was a family by the name of Taft. They came from Uxbridge, Mass., in the winter of 1798. Their household goods, writes Hamilton Child in the "History of Windham County, Vermont," were loaded upon a sled drawn by oxen.

Peter R. Taft, fourteen years of age, accompanied the family. He came all the way on foot and drove the cow. In the winter, like other farmers' boys, he did chores, helped prepare wood for the fire at home, and went to the district school. During the other months he helped his father on the farm. His education, however, was under the oversight of his father, who was a college graduate.

Fondness for mathematics resulted in his becoming a land surveyor, and in a few years he received the appointment of county surveyor. The

accuracy of his work in establishing disputed lines brought him into public notice, and by the time he was of age he was well known in every part of the county.

The duties of his office made necessary a long attendance on his part at the terms of the county court. On such occasions he was a willing as well as an attentive listener, and so gained a knowledge of many legal principles, which led to his receiving the appointment of trial justice.

From his first experience the public had great confidence in his fairness, and in his capacity as a magistrate, his decisions were received with approval. He devoted his spare moments to reading, and became a man of wide knowledge, whose foresight and executive talents were appreciated by those who came in contact with him. His grandson now lives in Washington.—Youth's Companion.

Read the Journal; good: \$1.